

Beach Hill June 11. 1846

Dear Deborah,

I dispatched a note to you by H. Tansworth
who perhaps Emma has sent. The next morning (Wednesday) at
9 the Dr & I started for Nushua. We had a delightful ride to
that place, had a semi part of dinner before we then rode to the
Depot which is out of the town. We were mislead in the hour
as the train did not start till 1. The day was fearfully hot & the
crowd of babies is great that the Ladies Room resembled an east
nursery. But tho' the distance from Nushua to Concord is 36 miles
yet we accomplished it in little more than two hours & glad
was I when we reached Concord. I insisted on going to change
my things directly on arrival at the Hotel, for the Dr. poor
man, seemed to think I could go in to the meeting just as I
was, but I resisted & after some time the Hotel people allowed
me a room. There never was such a crowd of people in Concord.
10,000 people were supposed to be in town from abroad. The
election had turned the state voting day. Every thing seemed
4th of July in Boston. I managed to rep. tho' pretty unimpeded
minds & started for the Town Hall. A good number of
people were there assembled. Foster, Pillsbury & Moody were the
speakers. Moody has a dreadful facility in speaking. Sister
Eda & Lurmer welcomed me, but Miss Ballan parted with me
at once. At ten time were assembled, Pillsbury, Foster, a pretty
Miss Plummer of Epping, a youth I did not know, Moody, Dr. H. &
myself. Poor Mrs Ballan was no better than she was when
we were there before. She cannot bear her weight on her
feet & her hands are still convulsed. But she was firm in the
fact is even. They said that the Rogers family had been
stirring the whole town to get Chandler out of the Insane Asylum.
Francis R. went & told Mr Chandler that she ought to get him
out if she beat down the door & Rogers thought it the duty of the
meeting to adjourn to the Hospital for the benefit of Chandler's
Company. Sister Ballan's tea was all that Edmund's Wilber
could have conceived.

In the evening we adjourned to the State House, obtained by the Abolitionists for the first time, & spoke unanimously. I was provoked with Garrison for not being present, as had been expected, but as he was detained writing that article a clap I forgive him. However Pillsbury was made of the importance of the occasion & did his best. The poor man was in trouble, having just heard of the death of his youngest brother who was living in New Jersey. He was at the N.Y. Meeting but has since died of brain fever. The Mrs Pillsbury who was at Weymouth has just had a baby. The Hall was well filled but the house was horribly disordered. The next morning I called on Mrs. E. where a Business Meeting had been appointed but it could not get together. I found Mrs. E. was a widow with 3 children. Well from then I went to the meeting. It was smaller than the day before but Garrison & Remond had arrived. We had some very spicy debates between a School Master from the neighbourhood of Canaan & Garrison about Colonization. Foster rose in protest to denounce the Canaanites & thought if ignorance filled people for removal they were abundantly qualified upon which the man rose to prove their learning "why" said he "I can tell the gentlemen females here been raised in that town who can calculate eclipses." The Rogers girls were there, but of course no greeting passed between us. The Dr. called on the family from curiosity I suppose as he had never been there. Rogers was out. It is said Ellen is engaged to a man named Sherman. He Dr. saw there a very odd man, a person who looked like a labouring man who seemed as if dangleing after one of them. We had at the Bullards 2 pumpkins a dinner, stuffed veal, ham, mashed potatoes, macaroni, lemon puddings, Mashed turnips, & finally such a bland munge made of Sausages which is much better than mops & milk cream, that taken in connection with the warm weather & the long walk, I got so tired that

I had to come out & leave Garrison talking about the
state of the country & go to bed. The evening meeting was
fuller & Remond did very well. A very heavy shower but
it abated for us to go home. The Bullards were kind of
itself through the whole of my visit & nothing could equal
the thoroughness of their housekeeping. The Dr. Garrison
Monday, Remond & all hands staid there. At 5 the next
morning the Dr & I left, reached Nashua at 7 where we breakfasted
& dined at 11. I found a letter from Lewis, slept part of the after-
noon, called on the Butters. After tea the Express brought a letter
from Emma exposing Mary's iniquity & telling her in prudent
speeches & that E. thought it not best to come & that I had
better return the first of the week. I thought w too, & told
the Dr a part of the story, that is that Mary was not coming &
was dead that I made my visit while she was absent. He Dr
was pretty grateful but of course said a little about her as
he could but urged me to stay & said he would bring
Emma up Monday as he had business in town.
Sunday morning I went to the Unitarian Church & heard a
good sermon against the war. Before tea I called at the
Dr factor's. He & his wife are alive & pretty well tho' the
old man, now 93 or 4 looks so old it is frightful. The Dr
& Betsey have made it all up apparently. Monday
morning I left with the Dr. who said I would come. In
the car was Miss Dava day on her way from Littleburgh.
She reported all well. I pressed her as I do every body to be
at the Rural Fair. I found all well in town. Sarah Grant
joined the day. Dr F. dined with us. I dare think he saw
Mary but he had spent a part of Sunday in writing to
her. Mr Kingsbury called & I agreed to go to Weymouth.
Mr Follen was in & Dr Bowditch. Ezra Weston is leaving
after that give again tho' another man is courting her.
I came out with Mr R. All well at Weymouth. Tuesday
I read "Emilia Wyndham" which I brought out of town. I
think it a beautiful book. Wednesday Aunt Mary wrote

in town. E. will report of their doings & the Brink Hill & no
I mean the Pine Bank party. - I concluded that I should
best make my visit at Brink Hill immediately in the
morning, as Aunt Mary was afraid to drive me over, her
kneecap being old - I have cast off all fear about all such
matters & mean to drive round with so many men as to make
all individual scandal impossible. Mary received me with
open arms, treated the girls to cake & water, & introduced me
to a Miss Edwards, a cousin of Geo Green's wife, daughter of
my old friend Sibby, the pine girl you will remember, & to
Miss Green a daughter of Ex Chas Green. Miss G. was a
gawky thing enough. Miss E. rather pretty & but much said
a sort of person as you would suppose. Margaret Peter was gone
to ride with Mr Angier. Mr R. returned soon & the girls de-
parted and dinner time came but Mr Margaret. As we were
our dinner and I went up stairs & began this letter, thinking
Mr A. had carried Margaret home with him to spend the
day & that I might finish it. I had previously written
a little short one which you will get by him. About 3
Mr A. & Margaret returned - They had lost their way in
Canada. Mr A. was perfectly sorry that he was to be
gone all next week & thus was seeing me. He told me
that he believed the Trustees were going to offer up the
Academy. I asked who had been keeping it lately &
remarked on its pleasant situation & magnificent perfect
ignorance. After he was gone I went up stairs & had a
nap. Margaret who is much prettier than Mrs Tucker
insisted on fixing my hair. This she is what she is & she &
I will probably do well together & she will fix my hair I
doubt not all the time I am here. By the time I was
dressed Mrs Ann Robbins & Miss Coffin came in a close
carriage. They were very full of the Pine Bank party
which was thoroughly discussed & pronounced very splendid.
Edward Perkins had never seen a finer one abroad.
By 8 o'clock came John & Emma Forbes Burnett.